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28, High Street,  
High Wycombe,  
Bucks.

June, 1959

To the Chairman and Members of  
Marlow Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for 1958.

During 1958 the population of the town increased by 280, the number estimated to be living in Marlow in mid. 1958 was 7,430. As there was an excess of 73 births over deaths the remainder of the difference, 207, must have been due to inward migration.

During the year there were 148 births giving a birth rate of 19.90 compared with the National figure 16.40. This was an increase of 19 in the number of births on the previous years figure.

75 deaths occurred during the year - 5 more than in the previous year. Of this total no fewer than 50 were due to diseases of the heart and circulation.

12 deaths were due to cancer and included in this were 4 from lung cancer. The total is about average for the last 7 years.

The most satisfactory feature of the vital statistics is the fact that not a single death occurred in an infant under 1 year of age. It is not often that this happens even where the number of births is comparatively small and one must not expect this to happen every year.

There was a complete absence of notification of infectious diseases other than of measles and tuberculosis of which there were 11 and 3 respectively.

In September 1958 facilities for vaccination against poliomyelitis were made available for all young people born 1933 and later. The response of the young adults was very poor and was only a fraction of that of the younger children. This was unfortunate because at the time ample supplies of vaccine were available.

No fewer than 165 primary vaccinations against smallpox were done in the town - an increase of more than 100 on the figure for 1956 before facilities for having this were made available at the Marlow Health Centre.

On the whole 1958 was a healthy year- that is evident by the almost total absence of infectious disease and by the nil infantile mortality rate.

In conclusion my thanks are due to Mr. Jackson and his staff for their co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

A.J.MUIR

Medical Officer of Health



STATISTICS

Area in acres .....	1,664
Registrar General's Estimate of population mid-1958.	7,430
No. of inhabited houses on rate book, end of 1958....	2,295
Rateable Value as at 31st December, 1958 .....	£104,570
Estimated Product of Penny Rate .....	£418

EXTRACT FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR 1958

BIRTHS

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births	Legitimate	83	61	144
	Illegitimate	2	2	4
	Totals	85	63	148
Still Births	Legitimate	2	1	3
	Illegitimate	0	0	0
	Totals	2	1	3

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the Estimated Population ...	19.90
Comparability Factor - Birth Rate .....	0.96
Adjusted local Birth Rate .....	19.10
Birth Rate of England and Wales .....	16.40
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 births live and still ...	19.30

DEATHS

Number of Deaths	Males -	40
	Females	35
	Total	<u>75</u>

Death Rate per 1,000 of the Estimated Population ..	10.1
Comparability Factor .....	1.03
Adjusted Local Death Rate .....	10.40
Death Rate of England and Wales .....	11.7
Tuberculosis Death Rate, Marlow Urban District ....	0.00
Tuberculosis Death Rate, Total County .....	0.08

INFANT MORTALITY

No infant under the age of one year died.

This represents a mortality rate of 0 per 1,000 related births, compared with 22.5 as a general figure for England and Wales.

Neo-natal mortality rate - 0 , compared with a county rate of 12.7

MATERNAL DEATHS

- (a) From puerperal sepsis ..... 0
- (b) From other maternal causes ..... 0



TABLE OF DEATHS

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory .....	0	0	0
2. Tuberculosis, other .....	0	0	0
3. Syphilitic diseases .....	0	0	0
4. Diphtheria .....	0	0	0
5. Whooping Cough .....	0	0	0
6. Meningococcal Infections .....	0	0	0
7. Acute Poliomyelitis .....	0	0	0
8. Measles .....	0	0	0
9. Other infectious diseases .....	0	0	0
10. Cancer, Stomach .....	1	0	1
11. Cancer, Lungs .....	3	1	4
12. Cancer, Breast .....	0	1	1
13. Cancer, Uterus .....	0	0	0
14. Other cancers .....	4	2	6
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia .....	0	0	0
16. Diabetes .....	0	0	0
17. Vascular lesions, nervous system.	4	4	8
18. Coronary disease, angina .....	10	10	20
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	0	3	3
20. Other heart diseases .....	6	9	15
21. Other circulatory diseases .....	4	0	4
22. Influenza .....	0	0	0
23. Pneumonia .....	3	0	3
24. Bronchitis .....	3	1	4
25. Other respiratory diseases.....	0	0	0
26. Gastric and Duodenal ulcer .....	0	0	0
27. Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	0	0	0
28. Nephritis and nephrosis .....	0	0	0

TABLE OF DEATHS (cont'd.)

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total</u>
29. Hyperplasia of prostate .....	0	0	0
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.....	0	0	0
31. Congenital malformations .....	0	1	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	2	4
33. Motor vehicle accidents .....	0	0	0
34. Other accidents .....	0	0	0
35. Suicide .....	0	1	1
36. Homicide and operations of war.....	0	0	0
All causes .....	40	35	75

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Rate per 1,000 Total (Live  
and still) births

	<u>England and Wales</u>	<u>Marlow Urban District</u>
(a) Maternal causes excluding abortion .....		0
(b) Due to abortion .....		0
(c) Total maternal mortality.	0.43	0.0



CANCER DEATHS

Deaths from Cancer ( all ages):-

Males .....	4
Females .....	<u>8</u>
	<u>12</u>

Yearly comparison of cancer deaths:-

1958 .....	12
1957 .....	10
1956 .....	14
1955 .....	16
1954 .....	16
1953 .....	14
1952 .....	10

The following organs were affected:-

Stomach .....	1
Lungs .....	4
Breast .....	1
Uterus .....	0
Other Sites .....	<u>6</u>
	<u>12</u>

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Tuberculosis Death Rate ( All cases) .....	0.00
Total Deaths - Respiratory Tuberculosis ....	0.00
Respiratory Tuberculosis Death Rate .....	0.00
Total Deaths - Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis.	0.00
Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis Death Rate ....	0.00
Total Deaths - Respiratory (Excluding Tuberculosis).....	7.00
Respiratory Death Rate (Excluding Tuberculosis).	0.95

# POPULATIONS, BIRTH AND MORTALITY RATES FOR THE YEAR 1958

District	Population Census 1951	Registrar General's estimated Population Mid-1958	Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Population	Tuberculosis Death Rate per 1,000 Population	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	Maternal Mortality per 1,000 live and still births.
Bucks County	386,164	440,600	17.3	9.8	0.08	16.4	12.7	0.00
Total Urban	193,168	216,000	17.0	9.9	0.12	14.7	10.6	0.00
Total Rural	192,996	224,000	17.6	9.8	0.04	18.0	14.7	0.00
Marlow Urban	6,480	7,430	19.9	9.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
England and Wales			16.4	10.1	0.10	22.5	16.2	0.43



# NOTIFIABLE DISEASES ( OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) 1958

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Age Periods									
		Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 - 9 years	10 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25+	
Scarlet Fever	Nil										
Whooping Cough	Nil										
Acute Poliomyelitis:											
Paralytic	Nil										
Non-Paralytic	Nil										
Measles	11	1	-	-	-	2	8	-	-	-	
Diphtheria	Nil										
Acute Pneumonia	Nil										
Dysentery	Nil										
Smallpox	Nil										
Acute Encephalitis:											
Infective	Nil										
Post Infectious	Nil										
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	Nil										
Paratyphoid Fevers	Nil										
Erysipelas	Nil										
Meningococcal Infection	Nil										
Food Poisoning	Nil										
Puerperal Pyrexia	Nil										
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Nil										
Totals	11	1	-	-	-	2	8	-	-	-	

# TUBERCULOSIS

## NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1958

(a)

(b)

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-



## IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS

Most immunisations are done at the Welfare Clinics although some parents have their children immunised by their own doctor. At the clinic the injections for diphtheria and whooping cough are given separately.

During 1958 76 children were immunised against diphtheria and 125 against whooping cough. 26 children were given the combined vaccine. 2 children were immunised against tetanus.

## VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

There was again a steep rise in the number of children vaccinated. 165 primary vaccinations were done - 36 more than in 1957 and 106 more than in 1956 when facilities for this were not available at the Marlow Health Centre.

There were 10 re-vaccinations.

## VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

During 1957 the age range for eligibility was extended to include all persons born 1933 and later. Initially the response of young adults was very poor and was in direct contrast to that of the younger age group.

## VACCINATION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

13 year old children attending the secondary schools in the town were given the chance of being vaccinated with BCG. After a preliminary skin test negative reactors were vaccinated with 0.1 c.c. vaccine.



### AMBULANCE SERVICES

There has been no change in the ambulance arrangements for the district. The ambulance Station serving the area is situated in High Wycombe. All vehicles are under radio control.

### HOSPITALS

The nearest hospitals are situated at Taplow, Windsor, Reading, Maidenhead and High Wycombe. The Marlow Cottage Hospital is in the town and caters for certain types of patients.

As London is comparatively near facilities are also available at the various Metropolitan hospitals.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47 - No formal action.

### LABORATORY FACILITIES

The facilities provided by the Public Health Laboratory, Oxford are available for the officers of the Council.

### WATER SUPPLIES

The water supply of the district comes from deep wells owned by the Marlow Water Company. The supply is adequate and samples are taken regularly for bacteriological examination.



REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR

Council Offices,  
Court Garden,  
Marlow.

To the Chairman and Members of  
Marlow Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I submit my annual report for the year 1958, for inclusion with that of the Medical Officer of Health.

It should be stressed again this year that it is difficult to maintain efficient routine administration such as the care of open spaces, grass verges and all other Council property with the general shortage of skilled and unskilled labour. The maintenance of an efficient refuse collection and disposal service is not possible without increased labour and plant. When sufficient labour is from time to time recruited, an immediate reaction is observed from the consequent increased cost of that particular work. It seems that sufficient and suitable labour is impossible to obtain, but when it is, it cannot be paid for.

I take this opportunity of thanking all members for their advice and guidance on many matters, and in particular for their continued attack on slum clearance.

I also wish to express my thanks to the Council's Officers on my staff for their loyal and energetic work, to the Medical Officer for his advice and support, and to the Clerk and Financial Officer for their usual co-operation and assistance.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

THOS H. JACKSON

Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector



GENERAL SANITATION

Nature of Visit:

Inspection

Drainage .....	94
Pet Shop .....	1
Rodent Control .....	188
Atmospheric Pollution .....	1
Building byelaw sites .....	282
Verminous premises .....	2
Re-visits .....	2
Refuse Collection .....	1
Refuse Disposal .....	42
Infectious diseases enquiries .....	3
Re-visits .....	Nil
Miscellaneous infectious diseases ..	Nil
Miscellaneous sanitary visits .....	222
Schools .....	Nil
Agents etc .....	28
Stables and Piggeries .....	3
Tents, vans and sheds .....	3
Petroleum regulations .....	34

HOUSING

	<u>Number of houses inspected</u>	<u>Number of Visits</u>
Public Health Act 1936 .....	16	79
Housing Act, 1936 .....	23	92
Rent Act inspections .....	19	
Total inspections for the year were 2,036		



ARTICLE 31, HOUSING CONSOLIDATED REGULATIONS, 1925

1. The number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation .....16
2. The number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officer ..... 2
3. The number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to:
  - (a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works ..... 4
  - (b) the making of demolition or closing orders ..... 10
4. The number of notices served requiring the execution of works ..... 4
5. The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices ..... 3
6. The number of demolition or closing orders made .. 10
7. The number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under the sub-section (2) of section 19 of the Housing Act 1930 .....Nil
8. The number of houses demolished ..... 2
9. The number of houses demolished under Section 42 of the Housing Act 1957 ..... 13  
(Eton Place)

SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED

<u>Number of informal Notices</u>	<u>Served</u>	<u>Complied with</u>
Served under Public Health Act 1936	2	2
Served under Food & Drugs Act 1955 and Food Hygiene Regulations 1955	9	7



SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED (Contin'd)

<u>Formal Notices</u>	<u>Served</u>	<u>Complied with</u>	<u>Not com-plied with</u>	<u>In Pro-gress</u>
<u>Public Health Act 1936</u>				
Section 93 .....	4	3	1	Nil
Section 138 .....	Nil	-	-	-
Section 277 .....	Nil	-	-	-
<u>Factories Act 1937</u>				
Section 7 .....	Nil	-	-	-
Section 34 .....	Nil	-	-	-
<u>Milk &amp; Dairies Regulations</u> .....	Nil	-	-	-
<u>Prevention of Damages by Pests Act:</u>				
Section 4 .....	Nil	-	-	-
<u>Shops Act 1950</u> .....	Nil	-	-	-

PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND MEAT INSPECTIONS

The table on page seventeen represents the amount of cattle and meat inspected during the year and it is important that Members should be aware of the difference between the two words in that cattle obviously refers to the animal alive, whose movements and condition must be observed if efficient meat inspection decisions are to be carried out. It should be noted that there is some decrease of cattle, including cows, which pass through the slaughterhouse and the hands of your meat inspectors, but the number of pigs remain almost constant.

No particular comments are made in connection with the reasons for condemnation, but it should be noted that I am assisted in that work by the co-operation of the owner and employees of the Slaughterhouse and the manner in which the Assistant Public Health Inspector has carried out his duties in that connection.



# MEAT

## Carcases inspected and condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	489	93	490	1142	2047
Number inspected	489	93	490	1142	2047
All diseases and causes, except Tuberculosis and parasites. Whole carcasses condemned.	1	1	5	14	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	11	15	1	7	31
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or parasites.	2.5	17.2	1.2	1.8	1.5
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcase condemned.	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	8	6	-	-	41
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	1.8	6.5	-	-	2.0
Cysticercosis. Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	6	1	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	1	-	-	-
Generalized and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
All other parasitic causes. Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	32	7	1	23	88
Percentage of the number inspected affected by parasites.	7.8	8.6	0.2	2.0	4.6



The following quantities of meat were condemned:

Offal .....	1,897 lbs.
Beef .....	2,146 lbs.
Veal .....	286 lbs.
Mutton .....	262 lbs.
Pork .....	462 lbs.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS      - - - - - FOOD PREMISES

<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>Number in District</u>	<u>Inspections</u>
Dairies and Milk Distributors ...	6	8
Butchers Shops .....	7	49
Food preparing premises .....	12	67
Bakehouses .....	2	1
Food stores including:		
Fishmongers & Poulterers      }		
Greengrocers & Fruiterers      }	37	64
Street Vendors & Hawkers      }		
Ice-cream premises .....	16	28
Restaurants .....	11	20
Slaughterhouses .....	1	547
Licenced premises .....	22	2
Milk samples                      -      4		
Water samples                     -      7		
Miscellaneous food visits - 14		

FACTORIES ETC.

Factories (power) .....	30	12
Factories (non-power) .....	5	Nil
Shops .....	122	117



### MILK SUPPLIES

Routine inspections have been regularly made to three milk distributors in the district, and a continuance of reasonable standards of practice was noted.

### OTHER FOODS

#### Condemnation

During the year the following foodstuffs were surrendered:-

- (a) Tinned Foods:      13 tins meat products  
                             1 tin herring roes
- (b) 44 chickens              8½ lb. salmon  
     25 lb. topside of beef  
     3 doz. fishcakes  
     312 packets of vegetables, meat, pastry, fish etc.

The majority of goods in (b) were unfit following the failure of a refrigerator.

### Disposal of unsound food

All condemned food is disposed of by burying in the Council's refuse tip under supervision.

### SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND HOUSE DRAINAGE

Good effluents to the satisfaction of the Thames Conservancy have been regularly maintained and a final length of sewer laid to complete the sewerage of the whole town apart from a very small area below the level of the sewer. Further improvements have been carried out to the works, and they are working very satisfactorily.

Minimum discharge .....	135,400 gallons
Maximum discharge .....	561,700 gallons



### RAINFALL

The rainfall total for the year is as follows:-

January .....	2.950	inches
February .....	2.835	"
March .....	1.870	"
April .....	1.081	"
May .....	1.960	"
June .....	3.830	"
July .....	4.080	"
August .....	2.590	"
September ...	4.320	"
October .....	2.930	"
November .....	2.480	"
December .....	2.980	"

The highest daily rainfall in one day was on the 17th July, 1958, with 1.46 inches, and it is interesting to note that the highest rainfall in one day in 1957 was on December 13th, with only 0.95 inches.

### PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDING BYELAWS

One hundred and seventy five plans, deposited for approval under the Council's Building Byelaws were dealt with, the sites and construction of the properties were inspected, sewer connections and drainage work supervised and tested. All complaints have been investigated, and when coming within the scope of the Public Health Act or other Acts, they have been suitably dealt with, and the Public Health Inspector's record and diary completed.

One hundred and fifty seven applications under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, were dealt with and maps and records have been kept up to date.

Approved ..... 51

Conditionally Approved ... 71

Refused ..... 21

Withdrawn ..... 12

Deferred ..... 2

Ninety-four private houses have been completed during the year.



## FACTORIES, WORK-PLACES AND SHOPS

Shops and factories have been inspected during the year and minor faults remedied.

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

### (a) Collection

It should be pointed out that one gang with one vehicle, which was dealing with the collection of refuse in 1951, is still dealing with the collection of refuse in a more efficient manner than during that year and is collecting refuse from at least an approximate additional 600 houses. Furthermore, during the present year some further assistance has been given to traders in the High Street, producing what is regarded as household refuse, to collect that refuse on another occasion during the week, making a twice weekly collection. This service has only been carried out by the administration being streamlined and the gang working efficiently as a first-class team and dealing with daily weights not normally handled in private industry.

### (b) Disposal

The system of disposal is by controlled tipping in a low-lying area at the Sewage Works. This land is rapidly being filled and disposal of refuse in the confined Urban District is increasingly difficult, but during the year a privately owned gravel pit has become available and will be used in 1959.

### (c) Salvage Collection

The following figures represent salvage collection and receipts for the year, which follow the general trend of a reduction in this form of collection and the market prices of materials.

Waste Paper     4 tons 6 cwt.   £25. 16s. 0d.



## COUNCIL HOUSING

### (a) New Sites

During the year 13 old persons' bungalows were completed in the Seymour Court Road area and I am glad to report that although the land upon which these units were constructed had been hitherto regarded as unsuitable owing to having been used as an uncontrolled refuse tip, the special foundations designed appear to be satisfactory, with the result that 7 units of accommodation are available on re-claimed land.

An estate of 16 flats and 2 shops was commenced during the year and 7 No. were completed and occupied before the end of the year.

### (b) Maintenance of Council Houses

A further sum of approximately £400.0s.0d. has been spent providing fences to Council house gardens, but once again funds were not available to improve the amenities of pre-war Council houses as first reported in the Council's estimates of 1954.

### (c) Slum Clearance

The Compulsory Purchase Order in connection with Clearance area No. 3 has been confirmed, which includes 12 dwelling houses, and the intention is to rehouse the families from this area on the site of Clearance Area No. 2 which is approximately one acre, and which houses forty families.

The land purchased for rehousing during the year did not become available for survey until the end of the year and, although the formation of the land is not that which may be easily developed, it will serve its purpose.

## RODENT CONTROL

The table on page 24 shows the degree of infestation and records of control in the area. 203 rat



bodies were found following treatments.

During the year the Rodent Operator also dealt with the following infestations:-

27 wasps nests and 18 other disinfestations for beetles, ants and other insects.

### HIGHWAYS

Normal maintenance and repairs have been carried out to footpaths and carriageways and approximately 10,500 yards of granite chippings surface dressing was done very successfully by the Council's labour at a cost of 1/3 per yard super.

### VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Daily, weekly and monthly maintenance to vehicles is carried out and suitable records kept.

### DEPOTS AND STORES

Some works of minor improvements with available funds have been carried out to the garage and store accommodation at the Council's Depot.

### ADMINISTRATION

Members of the Council must often be asked by members of the public, many questions in connection with the responsibilities of the local Council, and I hope that once again the accompanying "family tree" will assist them in giving descriptions and explanations of their many and varied responsibilities and how their staff is occupied.

It will be noted from the title page that the department was short of three administrative and technical officers for part of the year, which brought its difficulties with regard to the maintenance of routine work, with particular regard to the inspection of meat at the slaughterhouse, and the inspection of drains for new buildings on estates etc. In December appointments were made to fill the places of the Officers who had resigned.



PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

	Type of Property			All others (including Business & Industrial)	Total
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agric- ultural		
I. Total number of properties in Local Authority's District.	3	2,314	5	426	2,748
II. Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1958 as a result of (a) noti- fication or (b) otherwise or (c) survey under the Act.	(a) -	92	9	20	121
	(b) 4	10	Nil	2	20
	(c) -	33	5	2	40
III Number of properties (under II) found to be infested by rats.	Major Nil Minor 5	5 74	Nil 14	Nil 14	5 107
IV Number of properties (under II) found to be infested by mice.	Major Nil Minor 5	Nil 43	Nil Nil	Nil 8	Nil 54
V Number of infested properties (under III and IV) treated by the Local Authority.	8	122	14	22	166
VI Number of Notices served under Section 4					
(1) Treatment	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(2) Structural Works (i.e. Proofing)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil





M.O.H.	Chief Public Health Inspector & Surveyor		
Deputy M.O.H.	Deputy Surveyor & Public Health Inspector		
Health Centre. Maternity. Infectious Diseases.  Aged & Infirm persons. Water Supplies. Milk Supplies. Food Supplies. Swimming Pool. School Health Service.  Child Welfare. etc. Vaccination.  Immunisation.  Mental Defi- ciency.  Physically Handicapped Children.	P. Health Inspector	General Foreman.	Clerk/ Housing Insptr.
	Inspections re:	Highways: Scavenging Repair Snow New Roads Public foot- paths & towpaths.	Town Planning. Building Bye- laws.  Wages Council House Inspections. Records: Town & Country Planning. Byelaws. House drainage Vehicles. Public Con- veniences. Car Parks. Highways. Street numbers Street naming.
	Public Health Acts. Building Bye- laws. Sec. 60. Public Convenience. Food & Drugs Acts. Milk. Regulations. Pet Shops Act. Rodent Control.  Disinfestation- Rabbits, Wasps etc.  Public Conveniences. Refuse Disposal Sewerage. Slaughterhouse. Petroleum Regs.  Housing Acts. Slum Clearance. Section 11 Section 9  Rent Act. Factories Act. Clean Air Act. Infectious Diseases. Shops Act. Sampling:- Milk Water.	Sewerage Refuse Collection Disposal. Pleasure Grounds. Open spaces Grass verges Ornamental Trees. Memorial En- closure. Council House Maintenance. Depot Vehicles. Public Con- venience. Stores. Allotments. Car Parks.  Staff S.D.W. Manager. S.D. Works. Pumping Station.  Cemetery Supt.  Swimming Pool Attendant.  Caretakers  Court Garden Public Hall	



Clerk/ Secretary	U.D.C. Administration.	Government Departments.	Public Utilities
Secretarial. Specifications. Bills of Quantities. Committee Reports. Property filing. Planning Consents. Records. Street Lighting. New houses. Complaints. Telephone duty.	Sanitary circum- stances. Housing Acts. Public Highways Public Footpaths. Street Lighting. Scavenging. Refuse Collection. Refuse Disposal. Slaughterhouse. Shops Act. Food Inspection. Swimming Pool. Open Spaces & Playing Fields. Cemetery. Car Parks. Public Hall. Sewerage. Sewage Disposal. Works. Civil Defence. Petroleum Regs. Private Street Works. Disinfection. Rodent Control. Town Planning. Building Byelaws. Council Houses (a) Estate Layout (b) Design & con- struction. (c) Maintenance. Staff. Annual Estimates. Annual Reports. Reports to Committee & Council Meetings.	Ministry of Health.  Ministry of Transport.  Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food.  Ministry of Housing & Local Government.  Bucks County Council  Health   Planning   Highways   Fire   Civil Defence	Marlow Water Co.   (a) Supplies (b) Street Works.  Southern Electricity Board   (a) Supplies (b) Street Works   (c) Street Lighting.  North Thames Gas Board.   (a) Supplies   (b) Street Works.  Post Office Telegraphs.  Street Works.

